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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 0077

CASABLANCA FOR CIVIL AIR ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MMOL PBOR MR SS

SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN AIR FORCE LOOKING AT ADDITIONAL PLANES

1. U.K. AVIATION COMPPH BRITTEN NORMAN GAVE DEMONSTRATION OF ITS TWO-ENGINE ISLANDER AIRCRAFT AT NOUAKCHOTT AIRPORT JANUARY 13. SENIOR GIRM CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS OBSERVED DEMONSTRATION. PLANE IS PRODUCED IN BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY VERSION. IT CAN CARRY MAXIMUM OF TEN PASSENGERS.

2. KNOWLEDGEABLE CIVIL AVIATION SOURCE REPORTS THAT MAURITANIAN AIR FORCE IS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING TWO MILITARY VERSIONS OF PLANE AT COST OF ABOUT \$100,000 EACH. NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN AT PRESENT TIME TO CIVILIAN USE OF PLANE.

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GIRM HAS NOT YET MADE DECISION TO PURCHASE. CIVIL

AVIATION OFFICIAL ADDED THAT AIR FORCE WISHES TO USE AIR-
CRAFT FOR OBSERVATION AND SPOTTER PURPOSES IN WESTERN
SAHARA. PLANE CAN REPORTEDLY BE MODIFIED TO HANDLE
PARACHUTE DROPS. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL, GIRM IS GEAR-
ING UP FOR LENGTHY GUERRILLA WAR IN SAHARA AND AIR FORCE
OFFICERS PERCEIVE ISLANDER AS IDEAL CRAFT FOR USE IN THIS
KIND OF SITUATION. HANDYSIDE

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